

Grace Groups Homework
"The Mind of Christ"

Mark 8:34–9:1

19 May 2019

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Are you pro-selfie, anti-selfie, or selfie-indifferent?

WORLDVIEW

2. Every aspect of modern society constantly screams out the importance of self-love and self-esteem. Is this an important consideration for our normal functioning as humans? Would you perhaps offer an alternative?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Have you ever undergone any dramatic changes in your way of thinking about a specific issue or situation after being confronted with an alternate perspective?

4. Taking up your cross and following Jesus requires the abandonment of self in many regards. What does it include? What is excluded? Is this self-denial, self-sacrifice, and self-surrender an "all or nothing" situation? What about taking care of and providing materially for yourself and your loved ones' future?

5. What is the difference between those that believe in Christ, and those that follow him?

6. Do you think that there is a risk of well-intentioned Christians becoming “prideful martyrs” in the way they seek to follow Christ? How would they avoid this?

7. What are some solutions to our perennial problems of self-defensiveness and our reluctance to be humiliated for Christ’s sake?

8. Do the math: What has following Jesus cost you? What is the cost of not following him?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.